

MSU Leadership Summit Welcome Video Script
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- Hi, I'm Haley Barbour, and it's my pleasure to help welcome you to the 3rd Annual Mississippi State University Leadership Summit.
- The theme of this year's Leadership Summit is "Creating the New Economy." Focusing on strategies to build a stronger, greener and cleaner economy could not be more relevant than it is today.
- We live and work in a global economy. The challenges we are facing in the 21st century require new thinking and innovative solutions.
- We in Mississippi should continue working towards economic recovery, but we also need to be sure we are positioning our state for future opportunities.
- When I was growing up, companies came to Mississippi for strong backs and low wages. Now, as Governor, I'm proud that companies come to Mississippi for strong minds, and they're willing to pay for them.
- Your participation in this conference is an important step in building on that momentum.
- The American economy gets its strength from innovation, ingenuity and imagination, along with good old-fashioned work. Mississippi can and will play an important role in creating the new economy and further developing it in the years ahead.
- And to hear Mary Matalin and James Carville talk about politics ... well, that's a bonus!
- Marsha and I extend our warmest good wishes to you all.

